

Trans Missouri Flashes.

GALESBURG, KANSAS, JAN. 14, 1888: We know not what the future may bring forth, and feel glad that "sufficient unto the day is the trouble thereof."

We are engaged in a protracted effort at this place. Our aim is to accomplish good.

Our members near Galesburg are alive in the cause, but they are few in number.

On Feb. 13th, we have promised to go to the aid of the brethren at Adrain, Bates Co., Mo., in a protracted meeting.

To find out how many headachy, rheumatic and generally unwell feeling people there are in a community, just start a protracted meeting.

It requires statesmanship to guide the ship of church, as well as the ship of state.

A dark cloud is hanging over the brethren's cause at Montana, Kansas. We hope that the gentle zephyrs of gospel love may soon blow it into nonentity.

Our meetings at Montana are largely attended.

We believe the position assumed by the brethren church, to be true and we mean to stick to it to the best of our ability, but as to our official position in the church our aims are sinking.

Backsliders should blame themselves. God has promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," and God is as good as his word. Do you believe it dear brother and sister?

The man who chews and smokes or is given to any luxury, should never say, I am not able to do my share to support the gospel.

Something novel to us is turning up every day, and yet Solomon says, "There is nothing new under the sun." I suppose the new things are simply repetitions of things that have been of old, brought out afresh, or differently and more fully developed.

Snow may be beautiful but it is cold; so is mere church formality.

Lots of preachers frozen to death by being packed in ice of congregational indifference. A lukewarm state is the worst state possible. It means indifference and an indifferent person, as a rule, will not succeed in anything, especially not in religion. God is against him.

Bro. David Clum just returned from the P. O., and brought the EVANGELIST, of course we quit writing to read it. On the whole it is good; but Oh my, that "College debt!"

Just mailed a letter to Bro. Yoder, at Falls City. Bro. and sister Yoder, may your nuptial tie prove to be one of exceedingly great happiness.

The same congratulations are extended to others whose nuptials are recorded in this week's EVANGELIST, we are acquainted with several of the parties.

While we rejoice with those who rejoice, let us not forget, also, to weep with those who weep, as the Apostle enjoins. A number of death notices appeared in the EVANGELIST also, and we sympathize with mourning friends. We know what it is to lay away loved ones. Hope none may be compelled to mourn as those who have no hope.

Thank you brother J. N. Miller for sustaining me in my proposition. I look upon Mr. Mohler as a man true to the church principles, he professes and have no sympathy with the milk and water policy of some of his brethren. Put down another mark of consistency for S. S. M.

All should live what they profess.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Punctuation.

There is probably no department of knowledge which is of every-day utility that is more neglected than punctuation. One cause of this no doubt is that the student must have a good knowledge of Grammar before he can guide himself by any rules in deciding where to put a comma, semicolon, colon and dash. There are others however which are very easily acquired, and any one, by a little care, will soon know where to put them.

It should be the purpose of every student to learn what he can about punctuation. It will not only make his com-

positions look more scholarly, but it will broaden his own criticism of his pen-productions and lead him gently on to a higher education in the practice of composition. Every valuable thing in the line of education is acquired by experience after once knowing the rules, and attention to the matter of putting the proper marks of punctuation at the proper place will soon reward the practitioner with a happy knowledge of the subject. This is a study which many people acquire intuitively rather than by a recitation of rules; and for this reason it is known to be possible and what one can acquire in this manner, all can acquire in a greater or less degree of perfection. Every writer therefore should be a student of punctuation.

A large porportion of those who write letters and articles for the press never make the least effort at placing the proper marks where they should be. They suppose that the words mean so much at any rate, and that will do. But the satisfaction in reading such writing is greatly reduced, because the reader is annoyed in making the proper stops in his reading, and thus prevents his mind from dwelling upon the subject matter.

The most effectual book for the masses to study is the marks of punctuation he finds in a well-written book, magazine or newspaper. Use such as examples, and then an occasional reading of the common rules will soon equip him in the art.

MARRIED.

TEEPLE-RINGLER.

Davis Teeple, of Milford, Ind., to Olive S. Ringler, of Nappanee, by A. A. COBER.

OUR DEAD.

BENNETT.

In the Jones Mills congregation, Westmorland County, Pa., January 19th, 1888, Bro. James Bennett, minister of the Brethren church at Jones Mills, aged 70 years, 1 month and 6 days. He was an exemplary member of the Brethren church for 30 years, minister in the same 28 years. Funeral service by the writer, from Rom. 8: 10.

W. A. HARMON.

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A CURIOUS DISCOVERY.

The Sensation Created by a Japanese Peasant Woman.

A young Japanese peasant woman has created a genuine sensation in the medical circles of the east with a new theory and cure of rheumatism.

Her theory is that it is caused by a small insect under the skin, that gnaws and bites the muscles and thus causes the twinges of pain and the untold misery of that ailment.

A grizzled and skeptical sea captain placed himself under her care, and, after foot baths of bran and hot rice brandy, she nipped from his knees small white insects by the dozen!

The regular practitioners were skeptical about this new theory, and put one of the insects under a microscope. They decided that by its organism it never could have lived under the surface of the skin.

The Captain insists, however, that the Japanese woman has taken the insects from his knees and ankles by the hundreds, in his sight, and killed them, and that he grows better after each treatment!

This theory, absurd as it seems, is really not much more so than the theories formerly held by the medical fraternity. It used to be thought a trouble of the joints, and was treated as such until it was demonstrated that the treatment brought no lasting results.

Then, as the muscles were affected, it was set down as a muscular disease; but the same unsatisfactory results followed. Now it is universally acknowledged to be a "fiery condition of the blood caused by the presence of uric acid in the system."

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The Japanese peasant woman's theory will not be likely to stand the test of time and scientific investigation, but the thousands of cures made by the remedies mentioned above prove their merit beyond all question.

A Candid Acknowledgement.

Extract from a letter of Dr. D. W. Atkinson, Siloam Springs, Ark. "I know that many physicians are much prejudiced against all proprietary medicines, and I think sometimes foolishly so. I am, however, willing to acknowledge merit wherever it is deserved. I have prescribed Simmons' Liver Regulator, and have given it a pretty thorough trial myself, and think it deserves all the praise it receives. I have watched its use for the last five years and do not know of a more popular medicine. My patients praise it very highly and it gives good results wherever it is used."

"The Crown Prince of Germany" is the subject of a timely article in the February number of THE COSMOPOLITAN, by Professor H. H. Boyesen, who once met him in Norway. The article contains many delightful anecdotes about the heir to the German throne, whose sickness has attracted world-wide attention.

THE LIBRARY MAGAZINE.—The January 7th issue, the first of the year 1888, contains the following interesting articles:

The First Chapter Genesis, by Prof. W. Gray Elmslie, Captured Brides in Far Cathay, from Blackwood's Magazine. The Time it Takes to Think, by J. McK. Cattell. Kinglake's Invasion of the Crimea, from the Pall Mall Gazette. Mr. Donnelly and Shakespeare, from The Athenaeum, and others. Single copies three cents; \$1.00 a year. Order direct—not sold by dealers. John B. Alden, Publisher, 393 Pearl St., New York, & 216 Clark St. Chicago.

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